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**Advisory Announcement**  
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**2020/21 SOUTHEAST ALASKA COMMERCIAL SEA CUCUMBER FISHERY  
ANNOUNCEMENT**

The following areas will be open from **8:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. on Monday, March 22, Tuesday, March 23, and Wednesday, March 24, 2021:**

**District 8:**

South Mitkof and North Zarembo Islands (Subdistrict 108-30);

**District 13:**

Baranof Island Shoreline, Necker and Rakof Islands, West Crawfish Inlet, and Crawfish Inlet (Subdistricts 113-31, 32, and 33);

Sitka Sound (Subdistricts 113-38 and 41).

For a description of the above areas, please refer to the Southeast Alaska commercial sea cucumber fishery announcement dated August 31, 2020, announcing the open areas and their guideline harvest levels (GHL). The next advisory announcement following this opening will be available on **Thursday, March 25, 2021**.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1M2121.

Under Alaska's Health Advisories 1, 2, 3, and 4, commercial fishing is an Essential Business and is part of Alaska's Essential Services and Critical Infrastructure. Commercial fishermen should ensure that all travel and other activities in support of commercial fishing operations follow protocols in Alaska COVID-19 Health Advisories. COVID-19 Health Advisories may be found here: <https://covid19.alaska.gov/health-advisories/>

ADF&G offices remain open but will be minimally staffed as many staff will be working from home to help slow the spread of COVID-19. The most efficient way to communicate with department staff will be through email. A list of contacts and contact information is provided below. If you need to conduct business in person at an ADF&G office, face coverings and strict social distancing is required.

**Fishery Contacts**

For information on surveys, biomass estimates, and corresponding GHLs contact:

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Contacts: Quinn Smith ([quinn.smith@alaska.gov](mailto:quinn.smith@alaska.gov)) or Kyle Hebert ([kyle.hebert@alaska.gov](mailto:kyle.hebert@alaska.gov))

For information on management of the sea cucumber fisheries contact:

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Sitka

Districts 9 and 13

Contacts: Jason Jones ([jason.jones@alaska.gov](mailto:jason.jones@alaska.gov)) or Aaron Dupuis ([aaron.dupuis@alaska.gov](mailto:aaron.dupuis@alaska.gov))

Juneau

Districts 11, 12, and 14

Contacts: Scott Forbes ([scott.forbes@alaska.gov](mailto:scott.forbes@alaska.gov)) or Dave Harris ([david.harris@alaska.gov](mailto:david.harris@alaska.gov))

In addition, a complete list of commercial fishery contacts for Southeast Alaska can be found at:

<http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareasoutheast.contacts>

**2020/21 Southeast Alaska Sea Cucumber Fishery**

**Statistical Week 12**

<b>Area Description</b>	<b>Statistical Area(s)</b>	<b>GHL</b>	<b>Harvest to Date</b>	<b>Remaining GHL</b>
West Shore of Gravina Island	101-29	<b>58,700</b>	54,468	<b>CLOSED</b>
Boca De Quadra	101-30	<b>57,000</b>	54,382	<b>CLOSED</b>
Revilla Channel, Thorne Arm, East Behm	101-41, 43, and 53	<b>90,400</b>	87,012	<b>CLOSED</b>
West Behm Canal	101-85	<b>42,800</b>	43,191	<b>CLOSED</b>
Moir Sound	102-30	<b>156,800</b>	160,136	<b>CLOSED</b>
Thorne Bay & Kasaan Peninsula	102-70	<b>67,600</b>	65,233	<b>CLOSED</b>
East Dall Island & Soda Bay	103-40	<b>140,000</b>	151,644	<b>CLOSED</b>
Southern Ernest Sound	107-10	<b>80,400</b>	84,148	<b>CLOSED</b>
Northern Ernest Sound	107-20	<b>136,000</b>	135,023	<b>CLOSED</b>
Zimovia Strait & Anita Bay	107-30 and 35	<b>101,800</b>	100,070	<b>CLOSED</b>
Bradfield, Blake & Eastern Passage	107-40 and 45	<b>22,100</b>	21,053	<b>CLOSED</b>
Stikine Strait & Chichagof Passage	108-10, 20, and 40	<b>30,800</b>	31,211	<b>CLOSED</b>
South Mitkof & North Zarembo	108-30	<b>17,400</b>	7,823	<b>9,577</b>
Southeast Baranof	109-10	<b>28,200</b>	26,294	<b>CLOSED</b>
Seymour Canal	111-11 and 14	<b>257,600</b>	285,402	<b>CLOSED</b>
Northern Chatham Strait	112-16, 17, 63, and 65	<b>60,800</b>	61,660	<b>CLOSED</b>
Baranof, Necker, Crawfish & W Crawfish	113-31, 32, and 33	<b>91,300</b>	***	***
Sitka Sound	113-38 and 41	<b>36,200</b>	4,289	<b>31,911</b>
Peril Strait	113-51, 52, 53, 54, and 59	<b>231,300</b>	268,081	<b>CLOSED</b>
Excursion Inlet & Homeshore	114-25-002 and 114-80	<b>38,100</b>	35,302	<b>CLOSED</b>
<b>Totals</b>		<b>1,745,300</b>	***	***

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AWT	225-5111	772-3983	874-3215	747-3254	465-4000	766-2533	784-3220